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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/567,583	Applicant(s) KAJITA ET AL.
	Examiner MICHAEL LESLIE	Art Unit 3745

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 February 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/8/2006
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the limit of 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kajita (JP 2002-339907).

Kajita discloses a hydraulic drive system provided with a main hydraulic pump (21), a first hydraulic cylinder (6) and second hydraulic cylinder (7) driven by pressure oil delivered from the main hydraulic pump, a first directional control valve (23) for controlling a flow of pressure oil to be fed from the main hydraulic pump to the first hydraulic cylinder, a second directional control valve (24) for controlling a flow of pressure oil to be fed from the main hydraulic pump to the second hydraulic cylinder, a first control device (25) for selectively controlling the first directional control valve, and a second control device (26) for selectively controlling the second directional control valve, wherein the hydraulic drive system is provided with a communication control means for communicating a rod chamber (6b) of the first hydraulic cylinder and a bottom chamber (7a) of the second hydraulic cylinder with each other

when a stroke of the second control device has increased to at least a predetermined amount (67, 68b). Wherein the communication control means includes a communication line (40) capable of communicating the rod chamber of the first hydraulic cylinder and the bottom chamber of the second hydraulic cylinder with each other, a check valve (41) arranged on the communication line to prevent a flow of pressure oil from the bottom chamber of the second hydraulic cylinder toward the rod chamber of the first hydraulic cylinder, and a selector valve (44) for feeding pressure oil in the rod chamber of the first hydraulic cylinder to the bottom chamber of the second hydraulic cylinder via the communication line. The selector valve includes a variable restrictor (53), a branch line (42) connected at an end thereof to a main line connects the first directional control valve and the rod chamber of the first hydraulic cylinder with each other and at an opposite end thereof to the selector valve, and a stroke detector (67) for detecting a stroke of the second control device and outputting an electrical signal, and a controller (68) for outputting, responsive to the signal outputted from the stroke detector, a control signal (57a) to selectively control the selector valve. Wherein the controller includes a function generator (68b) for outputting a value which becomes gradually greater as the stroke of the second control device increases, and the selector valve is a pilot-controlled selector valve, and the hydraulic drive system is provided with an electric-hydraulic converter (69) for outputting a control pressure corresponding to the control signal outputted from the controller and a control line communicating the electric-hydraulic converter and the pilot-controlled selector valve with each other. The first hydraulic cylinder and second hydraulic cylinder include a boom cylinder and arm cylinder, respectively, the first directional control valve and second directional control valve include a center-bypass-type, directional control valve for a boom and directional control valve

for an arm, respectively, and the first control device and second control device comprise a boom control device and arm control device, respectively.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 7434394, 7127888, 7059237, 6898932, 6389953, and 5797310 each disclose a hydraulic drive system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL LESLIE whose telephone number is (571)272-4819. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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